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SAVING THE OIL SITUATION.

Shortage of oil has become so alarming that the United States senate during the closing hours of the last Congress took steps to check the rapacity of foreign governments in securing control of petroleum in parts of the world where foreign capital is edging in on the United States as the owner of the greatest oil deposits. Through the sleepy inattention of the present administration Great Britain has been allowed to steal a march on Uncle Sam in getting his share of oil. The new oil wells flowing in Venezuela were quietly captured by British concerns and as English capital could not be invested outside that country during the war the wells were sealed up awaiting exploitation which has come. In all parts of the world where oil production was expected either Great Britain, Holland, or Japan were allowed to make unfair or discriminating contracts against the United States. The policy of the British government, as reported, is to bring about the exclusion of all aliens from sharing in petroleum supplies. No foreigner can own or operate any oil properties in the British Isles, colonies or protectorates, the government participates directly in all such operations all shares in such companies must be held by British subjects. The French government too has wide powers in granting concessions to oil properties in its colonies. Japan has new laws restricting the operation of oil wells belonging to her citizens and Mexico has, of late, been trying to regain control of the Tampico territory. Only the United States has been inactive in this direction. Congress intends to see what it can do to rectify the President's failure until almost too late to look out for the interests of the United States in a matter on which its commercial, industrial and agricultural well being so greatly depends.

CONSTRUCTIVE LEGISLATION.

The adjourned Congress which Democratic newspapers like to assault has passed more legislation not only in quantity but in quality than any other Congress. It will be known as one of the constructive legislative bodies of history. The railroad bill is only one example of this. The Republicans did it in record time and also saved the government \$40,000,000 every day of the session in the passage of the various appropriation bills which were greater and more intricate than ever. The great water power bill has been before Congress for twelve years and the Republicans passed it after the last Democratic house and senate failed to do it. And so on down the line. This congress was called to reconstruct the nation's business. Extravagance in war and many other elements have embarrassed the country. The federal reserve act has good redemption features drafted upon the basis of the Aldrich monetary commission so that the only features of value in it were written by Republicans. The features which the Democrats are now apologizing the Republicans tried to prevent.

NYE COUNTY FARMING.

Twelve years ago the Nevada legislature was importuned to establish the county of Rhyolite out of the southern end of Nye county. The movement met with ridicule and the idea was abandoned for at that time the spectral hand of decay was evident and it was manifest that any attempt to create a new county out of what was regarded as an absolute desert would result in repudiation and an enormous increase in local taxation which would have stifled the hand of enterprise. The mineral wealth of Bullfrog and Rhyolite were the sole arguments in favor of cutting Nye county in half and it never occurred to the men who were backing the measure that the southern end of the county would ever have other than its mines to draw upon for revenue. A change has come over the dreams of the pioneers of that section who are beginning to realize that the greatest resource of the country south of Beatty has never been exploited. A farming demonstration conducted without any outside assistance has developed the amazing fertility of lands in the Amargosa valley where humorists of the early days used to delight in picturing the chuckwalla in his annual migrations starting out with a canteen to voyage down the Amargosa river. It is true that the river is not much to look at and it is also true that no Nevada member of Congress ever had the temerity to urge Congress for an appropriation to improve the navigation of the stream. Nevertheless it is becoming understood that the whole Amargosa valley rests upon an underground reservoir capable of furnishing a boundless supply of the purest water in the world. This water is said to be the only chemically pure water found in Nevada and the effect of its application to the volcanic ash surface is of the most enervating character. The capacity of this valley to support a large population from development of agriculture has passed the problematic stage and reached that point where capital is ready to invest on an extensive scale to stimulate the vast production which has been established on the experimental farm of the Tonopah & Tidewater. During the mining boom of 1916 when extension of the road was suggested to gain a share of the Goldfield traffic some of the more astute engineers suggested that it would be economy to avoid the rugged route through Amargosa Canyon which entailed an outlay of \$60,000 a mile for grading in favor of a more southerly route that would come within easy shipping distance of Pahrump. The suggestion was not received with favor and the idea of developing agriculture on the desert was scoffed into relinquishment. Four years ago the management of the railroad resolved to go back to first principles and in doing so demonstrated beyond cavil that the farming possibilities of the region within easy reach of Beatty has all the elements of a land boom. The railroad has no land for sale, it is not engaged in colonizing or in tempting settlers to embark on pioneering adventures. The land is there open for entry for the man with a little money and some courage to undertake its reclamation. The soil is richer than the wildest dreams of promoters and the men who have capital adequate for placing water on the land will find his own reward with returns of a 1000 per cent per annum for his

labor. Ten thousand acres have been filed on for active agricultural development and it is stated upon unquestionable authority that 30,000 more acres equally good are embraced in the area watered by the underflow of the Amargosa which absorbs the run off of the barren mountain ranges extending from the California line to the rocky periphery of the crater that once occupied the present site of Goldfield.

LADY SKIPPER OF THE DEFENDER

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, June 16.—One of the mitigating circumstances in the life of a yacht racer and prodigiously successful trophy hunter is the fact that not every cup is a cup.

At least that is the opinion of Mrs. Burton, "associate" skipper of Sir Thomas Lipton's American Cup defender Shamrock IV, who is here to help her husband, Captain W. M. Burton, try for the trophy which has eluded west of the Atlantic since 1885. Her paradoxical sounding opinion was uttered very seriously.

"I happen to be one of the sailors' tea services, and what not," she said. "Imagine the housewife's lack of polishing something like a thousand cups of embossed silver." Having the cups is very fine, Mrs. Burton says, but the real joy of the thing is the race. Since her marriage, Mrs. Burton has not missed a race with her husband, who declares he'd as soon sail a race without his top as leave his wife behind.

SUBMARINE MINES SCORE A BULLSEYE

(Correspondence Associated Press)

HONOLULU, T. H., May 8.—Mine operators at Fort Armstrong, Honolulu, smashed the target at the harbor mouth with a direct hit recently, as a part of the annual mining maneuvers of the Hawaiian department of the army. The operators at Fort Armstrong exploded their mines under conditions simulating an attempt by enemy vessels to pass the mine field at the mouth of Honolulu harbor.

BUNKING SOLDIERS TAKING A SERUM

By Associated Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 16.—"Shots in the arm" were robbed of their terror for army candidates sent to Fort Winfield Scott, local post, by Private J. J. Casten, who for \$2 would show a recruit the "painless way" of administering typhoid prophylaxis.

Casten has just been sentenced to six months imprisonment at Alcatraz Island. He had furnished a dab of iodine instead of a needle jab to the recruits who paid him.

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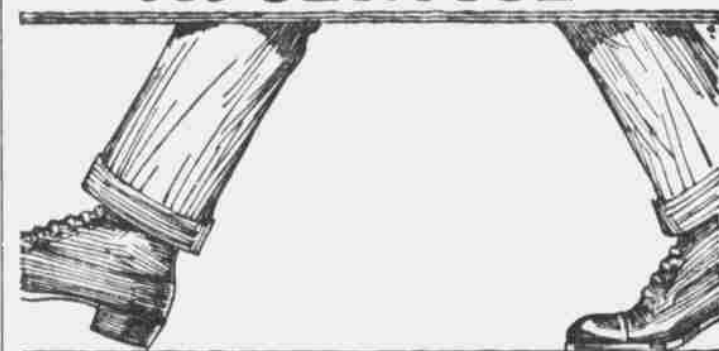
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